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		Hideo YOSHIDA et al., "Application of emulsion of dense carbon dioxide in electroplating solution with nonionic surfactants for nickel electroplating", Surface and Coatings Technology; Vol. 173 (2003); pp. 285-292	
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